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COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. APPRECIATE INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL ON GOJ ADVANCE
PLANNING FOR SUBJECT MEETING IN TOKYO NEXT SEPTEMBER.
WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PLANNING THIS
FAR IN ADVANCE NECESSARY AND FOR PRESENT PURPOSES PLANS AS
SUGGESTED APPEAR SATISFACTORY, THERE ARE FOLLOWING FACTORS
WHICH MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR US TO HOLD BACK FINAL AGREEMENT
TO DATES AT PRESENT:

A. OES BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR THIS MEETING TRAVEL STILL UNDER
REVIEW RELATIVE TO OTHER IMPORTANT NEEDS OF BUREAU FOR THIS
FY.

B. "BLUE RIBBON PANEL" REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS ON OVERALL
S&T COOPERATION ARE NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY BOTH
GOVERNMENTS. THESE HAVE BEARING ON MEDICAL SCIENCE
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PROGRAM AND PRECISE STRUCTURE AND NATURE OF CHANGES WHICH

MAY RESULT HAVE YET TO BE FINALIZED ON U.S. SIDE AS WELL AS
NEGOTIATED WITH THE GOJ.

C. AVAILABILITY OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

2. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE FACTORS AS WELL AS CONFIRMATION OF
AVAILABILITY OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, WE WILL WANT LEFT OPEN
SOME POSSIBILITY FOR MODIFICATION OF TIMING IF REQUIRED.
WE WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS WE ARE IN POSITION TO CONFIRM
FINAL ARRANGEMENTS OR PROPOSE CHANGES IF NECESSARY.

3. DR. IVAN BENNETT, U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN, WILL DISCUSS FURTHER
WITH DR. KUROKAWA AT THEIR MEETING IN HONOLULU. WE WILL
CONFIRM AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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